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In re Application of:

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Entitled: DISTINGUISHING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FILMS SYSTEM AND METHOD

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- X 1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having 22 pages.
- X 2. 2 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (X formal / informal) comprising Figures 1 through 4 .
- X 3. Declaration and executed Power of Attorney's (X signed unsigned).
- 3A. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).
4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.
5. This is a: Continuation-In-Part; Divisional; Continuation; substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No. filed ; reissue of U.S. Patent No. filed on .
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 X 7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on filing in United States .

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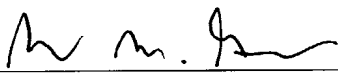
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Title

Distinguishing Positive and Negative
Films System and Method

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